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THE HEDGEHOG

THE
STORY THAT
WAS **TOO BIG**
FOR A SINGLE
ISSUE!!

THE
125TH

ISSUE
EXTRAVAGANZA
STARTS HERE—

SONIC
ADVENTURE
2.5:
ALPHA

PLUS:

IN THIS CURRENT
CHAPTER OF
THE LATEST
ECHIDNA EPIC,
KNUCKLES
FINDS HIMSELF
GETTING USED
TO LIVING IN
THE "AFTERLIFE"



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The background of the cover is a collage of various scenes from the game. At the top left, Knuckles is shown in a volcanic area. In the top center, Tails is flying. At the top right, Sonic is standing in a futuristic doorway. In the middle left, Shadow is shown. Below him, Tails is running. In the bottom left, Sonic is on a roller coaster. In the center, a large, fiery, bird-like creature is emerging from a red, swirling vortex. The title 'Total CHAOS' is written in a stylized font over this vortex. At the bottom right, a large, close-up image of Sonic's face is shown, looking forward with a slight smile.

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WHERE... AM I? FEEL...
DISORIENTED...

ONE VESSEL
ON APPROACH...

SONIC ADVENTURE 2.5: ALPHA

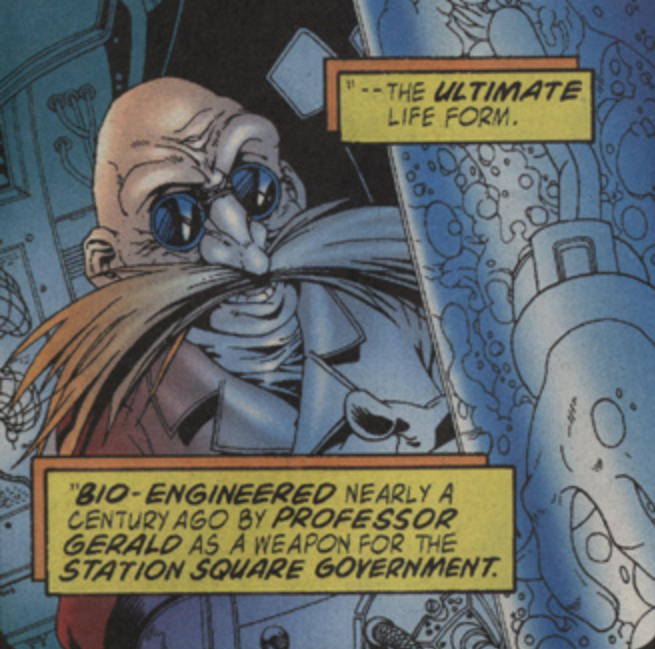
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...AND
ANOTHER
ONE LEAVING.
WHY?

SO MANY
QUESTIONS.

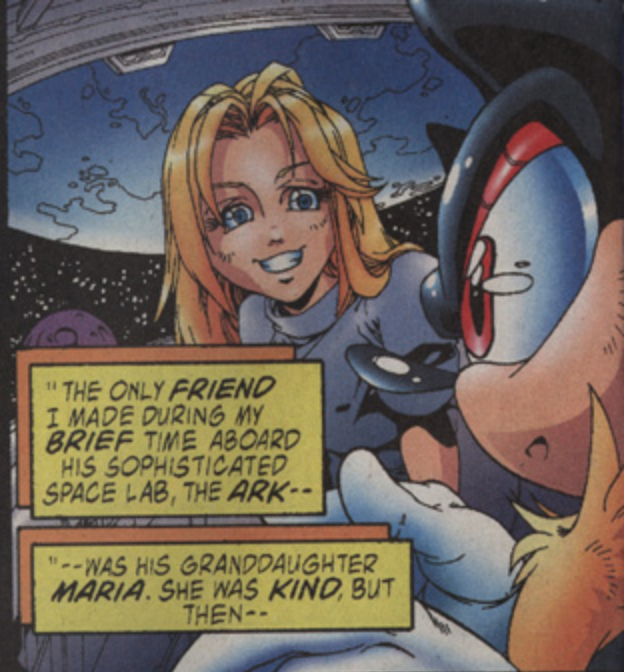
WAIT, I
REMEMBER.

I AM SHADOW
THE HEDGEHOG.



"--THE **ULTIMATE**
LIFE FORM.

"**BIO-ENGINEERED** NEARLY A
CENTURY AGO BY **PROFESSOR**
GERALD AS A WEAPON FOR THE
STATION SQUARE GOVERNMENT.



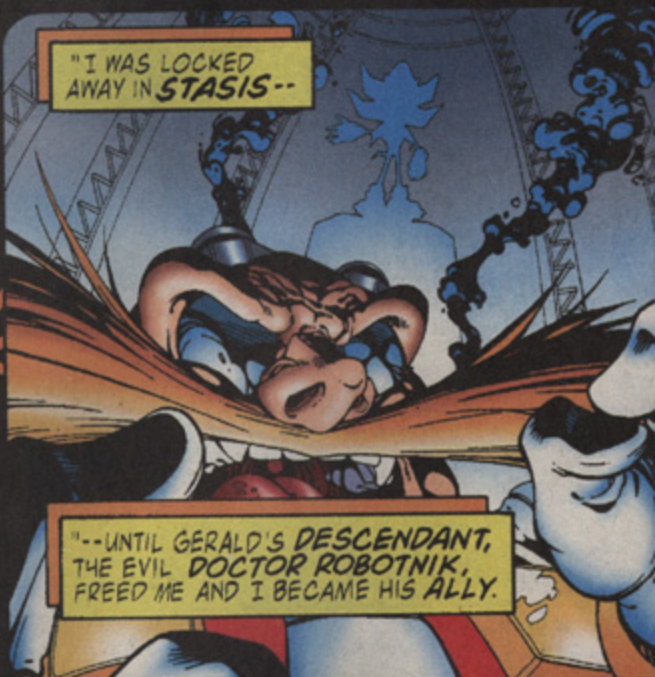
"THE ONLY **FRIEND**
I MADE DURING MY
BRIEF TIME ABOARD
HIS **SOPHISTICATED**
SPACE LAB, THE **ARK--**

"--WAS HIS **GRANDDAUGHTER**
MARIA. SHE WAS **KIND,** BUT
THEN--



UGGH!

"**TRAGEDY.**



"I WAS LOCKED
AWAY IN **STASIS--**

"--UNTIL **GERALD'S** **DESCENDANT,**
THE **EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK,**
FREED ME AND I BECAME HIS **ALLY.**



"I WANTED THE
WORLD TO PAY
FOR **MARIA--**

"--BUT **SONIC** THE
HEDGEHOG MADE ME
SEE THE **LIGHT--**

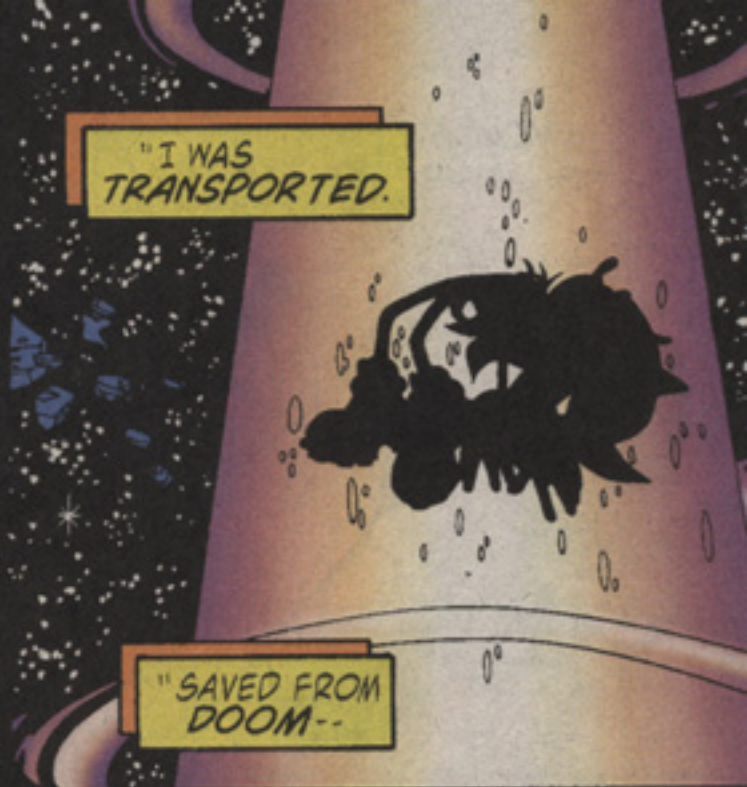


"--AND I MADE THE
ULTIMATE SACRIFICE
TO SAVE **PLANET**
MOBIUS.



"I REMEMBER
FALLING
TOWARD HER
SURFACE."

"BLACKING
OUT."



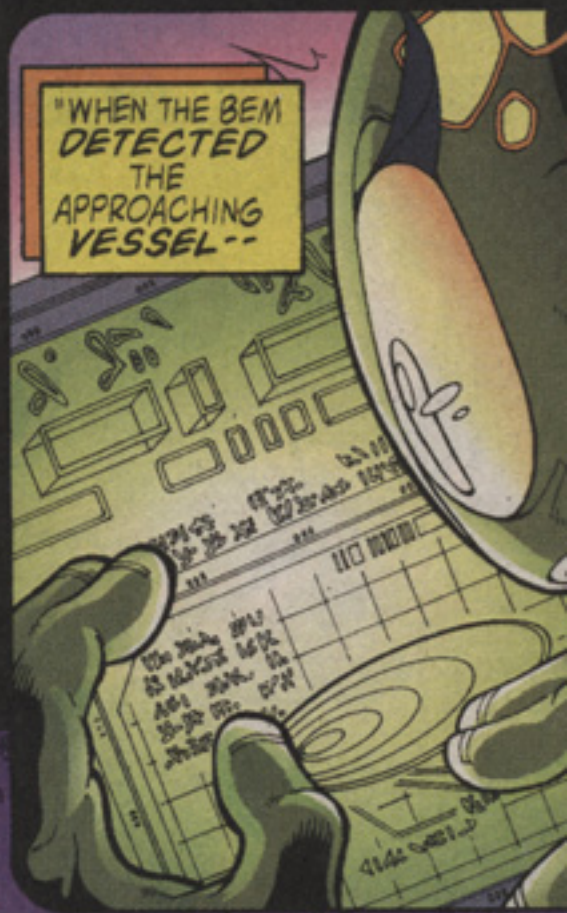
"I WAS
TRANSPORTED."

"SAVED FROM
DOOM--"

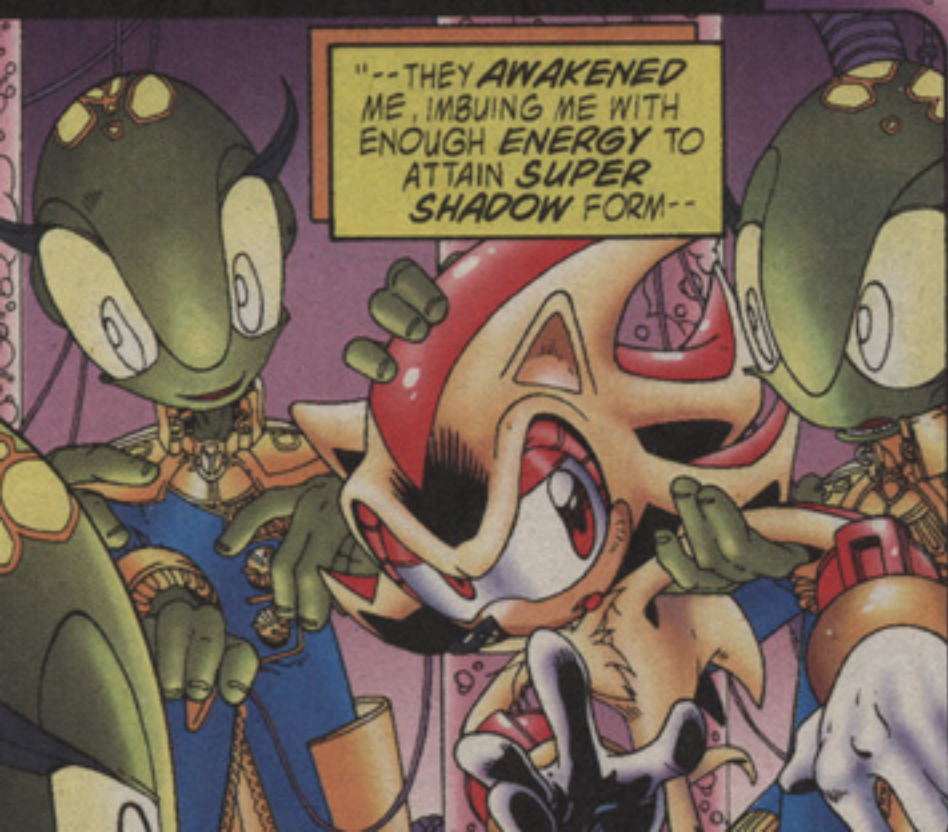


"--BY A GROUP
OF ALIEN
SCIENTISTS
CALLED THE
BEM WHOSE
SHIP WAS IN
ORBIT."

"THEY RESTORED
ME TO HEALTH.
I DO NOT KNOW
WHY."



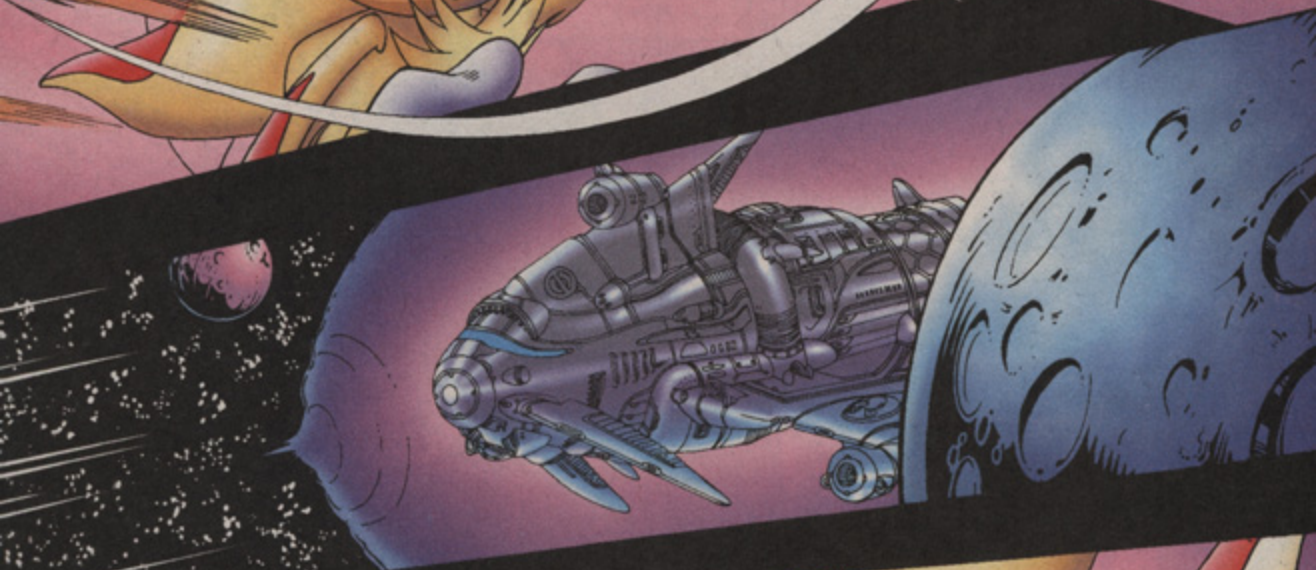
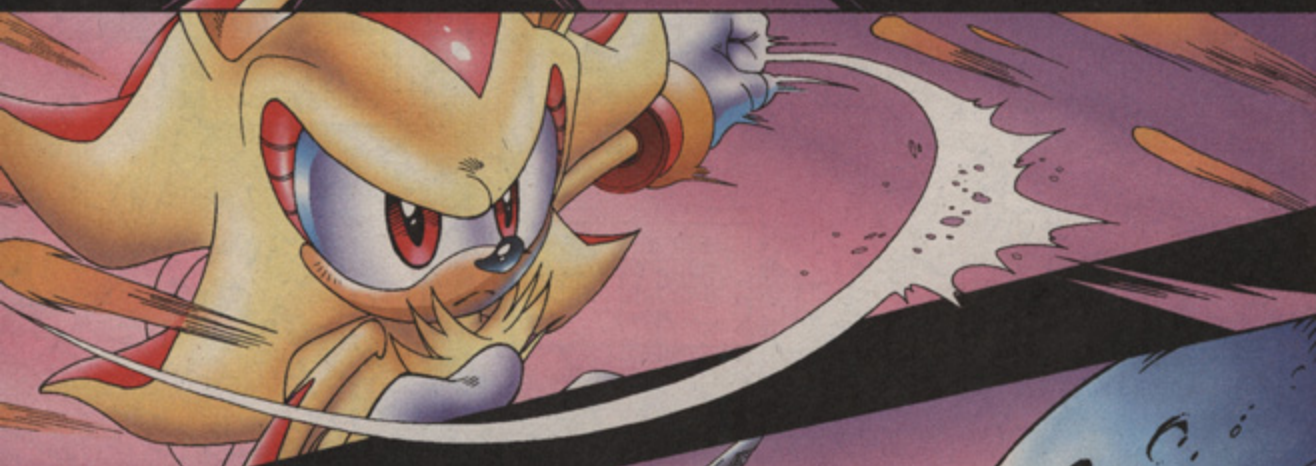
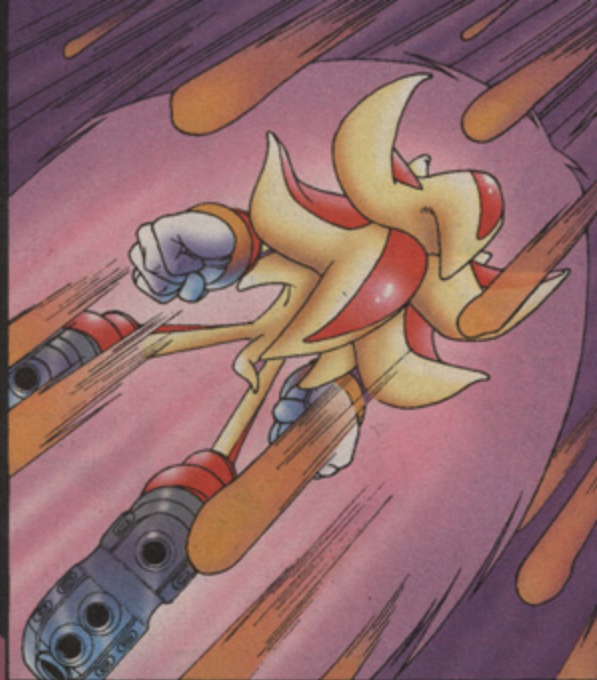
"WHEN THE BEM
DETECTED
THE
APPROACHING
VESSEL--"

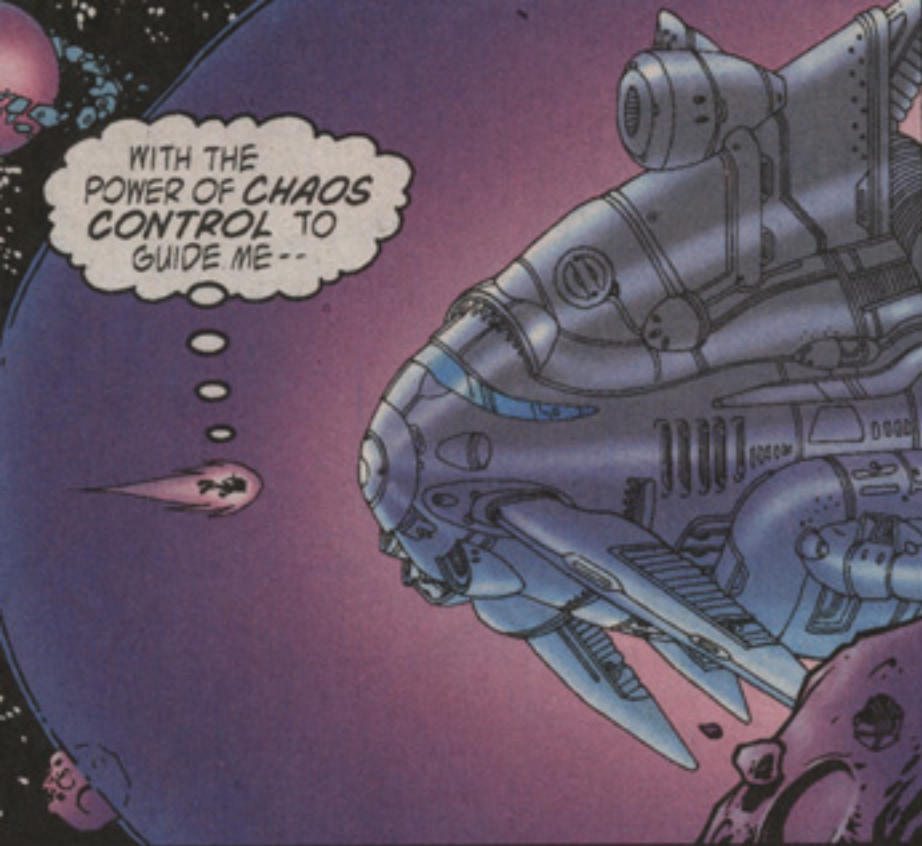


"--THEY AWAKENED
ME, IMBUING ME WITH
ENOUGH ENERGY TO
ATTAIN SUPER
SHADOW FORM--"



"--TO BATTLE
THIS NEW THREAT
WHILE THEY MADE
THEIR ESCAPE."







SOON...

OH, SONIC...
I'VE MISSED
YOU SO MUCH!

I
MISSED YOU
TOO, SAL...

SO, ARE YOU
READY TO POP THE
QUESTION?

AM
I!

MEANWHILE, THE
MYSTERIOUS SPACE
VESSEL--

ITS PURPOSE:
UNKNOWN.

FOR
NOW.

--HAS MOVED INTO
POSITION OVER THE
MOUNTAIN ENTRANCE
OF STATION SQUARE.

WELL, MISTER
PRESIDENT?

WHAT DO
YOU SAY?

AN
ALLIANCE
BETWEEN YOUR
CITY AND
MINE.

"WHY, IMAGINE IF STATION SQUARE HAD A ROBOTIC POLICE FORCE ON PAR WITH THE ONE HERE IN MEGAOPOLIS."



DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH, ROBOTNIK! WE'D NEVER JOIN WITH THE LIKES OF YOU!



WRONG ANSWER!

HONK HOOOONK

SQUEEEEE

CORBIN, YOU'RE IN THE ONCOMING TRAFFIC LANE! WE'RE HEADED FOR THAT SEMI-TRUCK! MOVE!



IT'S NOT ME, SIR!

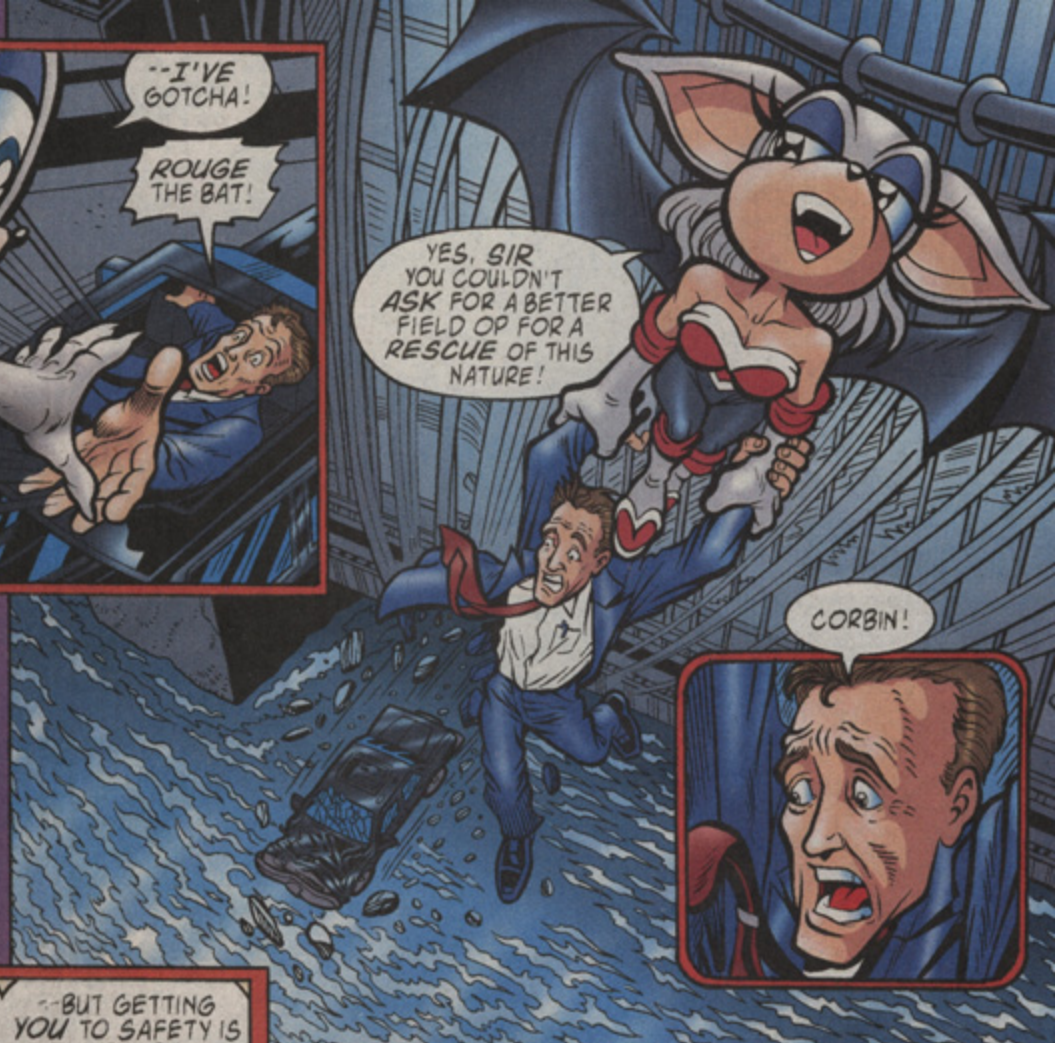
THAT'S RIGHT...

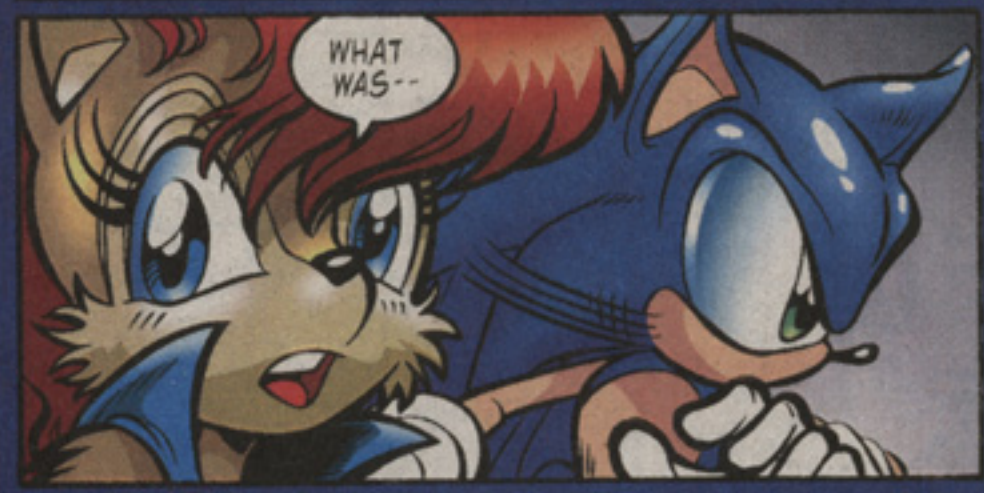
...I'M CONTROLLING YOUR LIMOUSINE VIA REMOTE!

MAYBE YOUR SUCCESSOR WILL BE MORE WILLING TO DO BUSINESS. TA-TA.

DON'T WORRY, CHIEF--





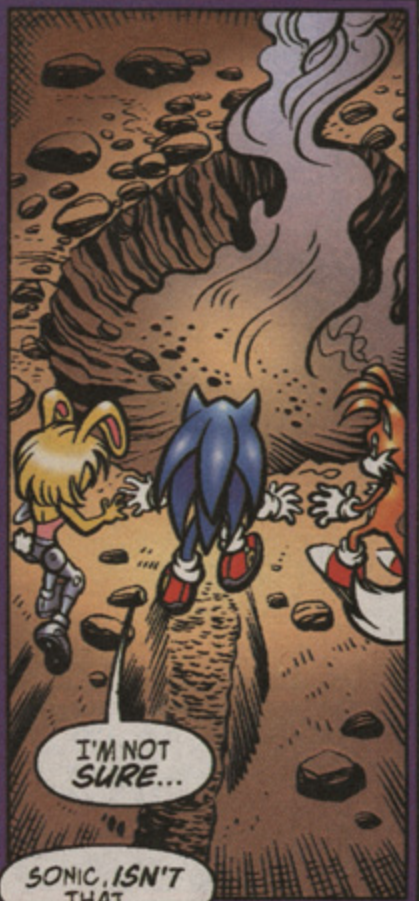




GOOD QUESTION.

WE HEARD A RUCKUS SUGAH-HOG

WHAT'S GOING ON?

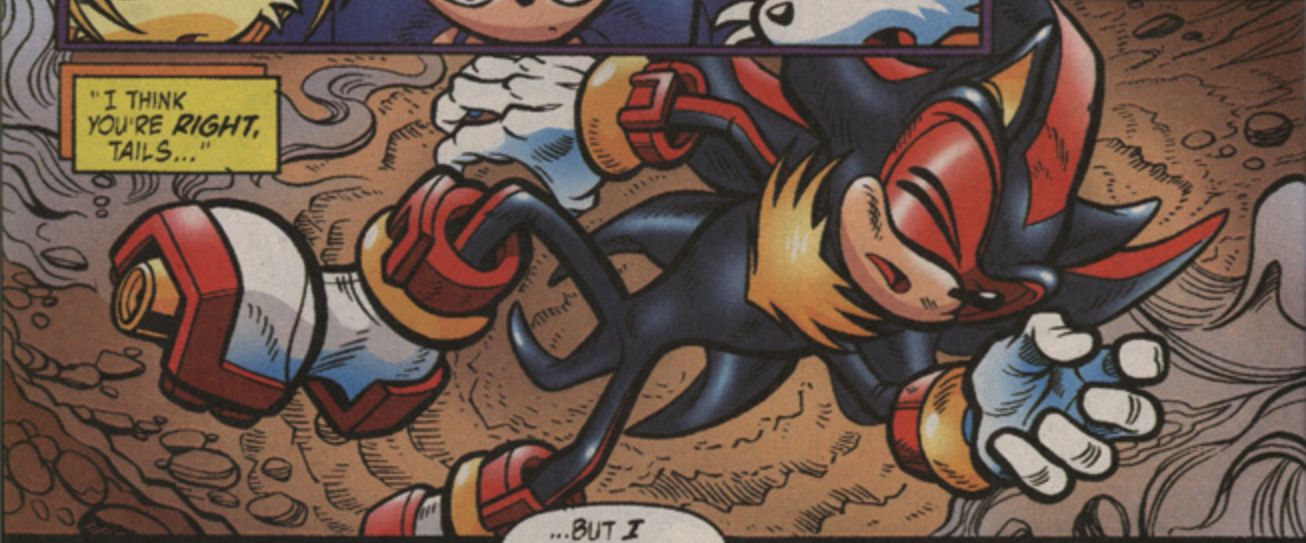


I'M NOT SURE...

SONIC, ISN'T THAT...



"I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT, TAILS..."



...BUT I THOUGHT HE WAS DEAD...



UGH!

KLOK



I'M SORRY.
I THOUGHT I WAS
STILL UNDER
ATTACK.

WHO
I--I--



SOON...

IT DESCENDED FROM THE **HEAVENS** AND ATTACKED THE VERY **HEART** OF MY EMPIRE!

SOME KIND OF FLYING **VESSEL**. ITS TECHNOLOGY ON PAR WITH MY OWN!

"SCORES OF **SHADOW-BOTS** WERE INSTANTLY **ANNIHILATED**."

"POOR **SNIVELY** IS MISSING."

"**MEGAOPOLIS** LIES IN RUINS."

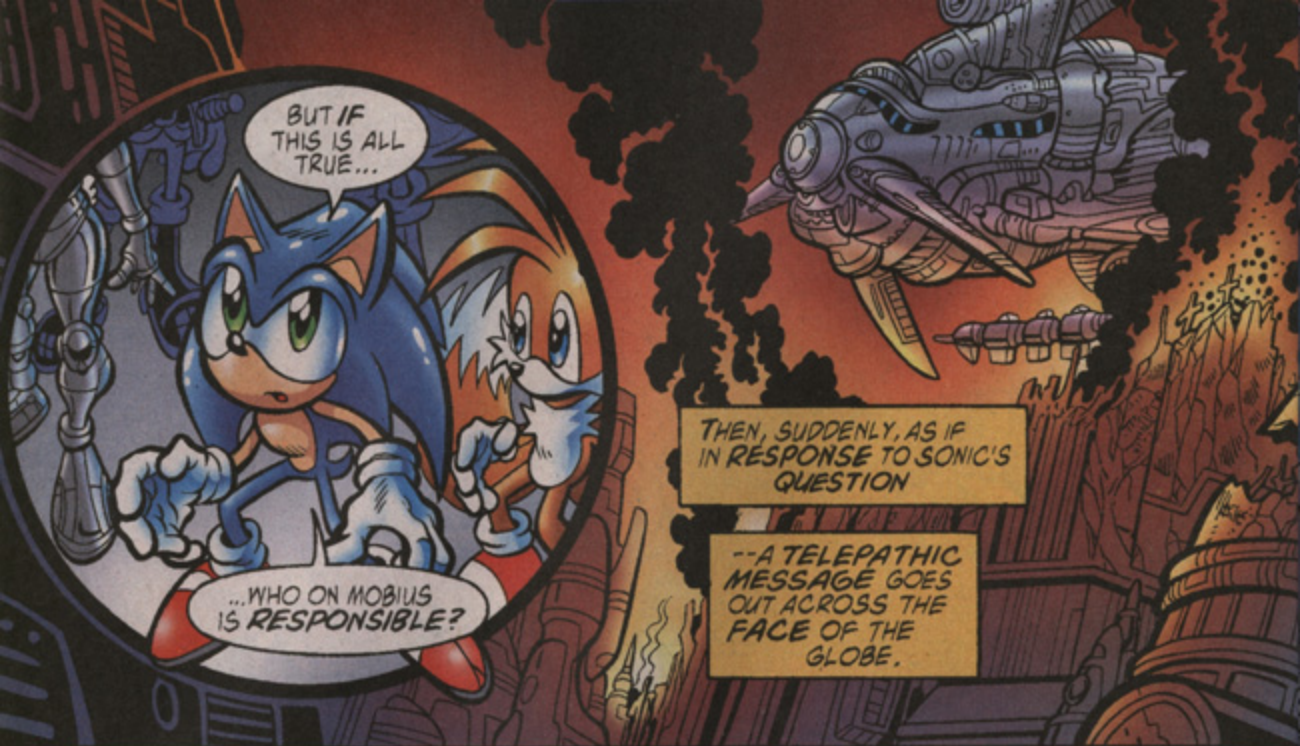
WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE **ANYTHING** YOU SAY? ALL YOU'VE EVER DONE IS TRY TO HURT ME AND MY KINGDOM.

DESPITE HIS PAST **TREACHERY**, I THINK THE **EGGMAN** SPEAKS THE **TRUTH** NOW.

I **ENCOUNTERED** THE **VESSEL** EARLIER.

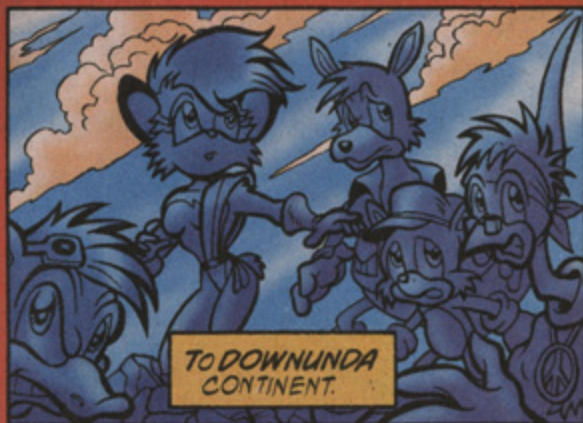
Incoming
HOLO-TRANSMIT
from Station
Square.

KNOTHOLE
:SQWKKK: STATION
SQUARE :SQWKKK:
ATTACKED :SQWKKK:
PRESIDENT :SQWKKK:
INJURED.



THEN, SUDDENLY, AS IF
IN RESPONSE TO SONIC'S
QUESTION

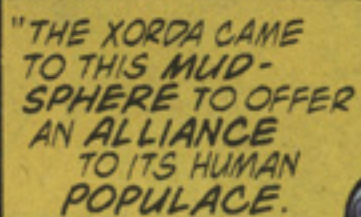
--A TELEPATHIC
MESSAGE GOES
OUT ACROSS THE
FACE OF THE
GLOBE.



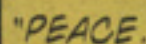


WE ARE THE
XORDA.

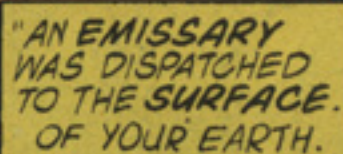
OBSERVE.
THRICE MILLENIA
PAST.



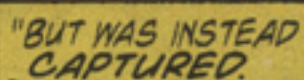
"THE XORDA CAME
TO THIS MUD-
SPHERE TO OFFER
AN ALLIANCE
TO ITS HUMAN
POPULACE.



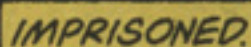
"PEACE.



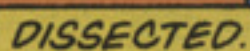
"AN EMISSARY
WAS DISPATCHED
TO THE SURFACE
OF YOUR EARTH.



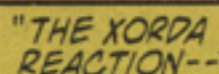
"BUT WAS INSTEAD
CAPTURED.



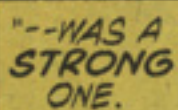
IMPRISONED.



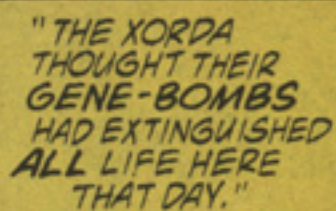
DISSECTED.



"THE XORDA
REACTION--



"--WAS A
STRONG
ONE.



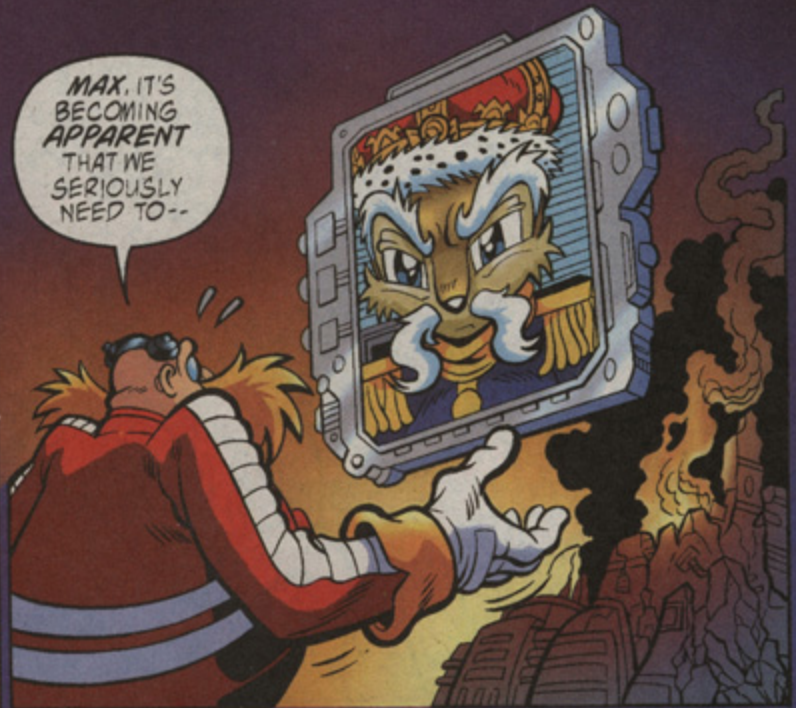
"THE XORDA
THOUGHT THEIR
GENE-BOMBS
HAD EXTINGUISHED
ALL LIFE HERE
THAT DAY."



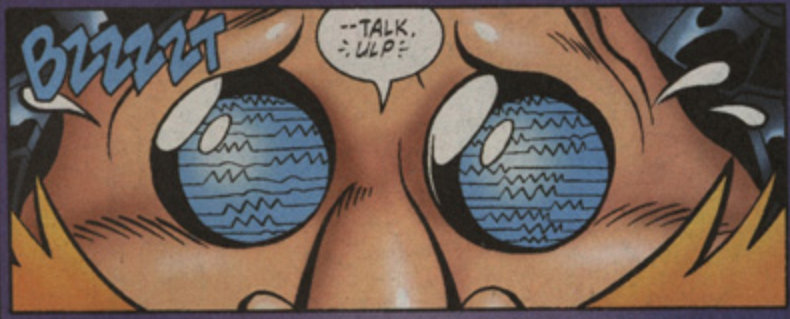
THE XORDA WERE WRONG.

THE XORDA HAVE RETURNED TO CORRECT THAT OVERSIGHT.

FIDDLESTICKS.



MAX, IT'S BECOMING APPARENT THAT WE SERIOUSLY NEED TO--



--TALK. --ULP--



DAD, YOU ENDED ROBOTNIK'S TRANSMISSION IN MID-SENTENCE. WOULDN'T IT HAVE BEEN WISER TO HEAR HIM OUT?

QUITE THE OPPOSITE SALLY. HE'S NO LONGER ROBOTIC. NO LONGER INVINCIBLE.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME HE'S SCARED BETTER TO LET HIM SWEAT. WE CAN USE IT TO OUR ADVANTAGE.



IN THE MEANTIME... ROTOR?



CAN YOU FIND A WAY FOR US TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE XORDA?

ALREADY WORKING ON IT, YOUR HIGHNESS.

GOOD KEEP ME POSTED.



THOSE BOZO ALIENS HAVE GOT THE **WRONG** PLANET.

THIS IS MOBIUS, NOT "URF"!



GREETINGS, MAXIMILLIAN ACORN. I ONLY WISH IT WERE UNDER BETTER CIRCUMSTANCES.

INDEED, LOCKE DID YOU HEAR THE ALIENS' STORY? IT CAN'T BE TRUE.



THEY BELIEVE IT, AND AS LONG AS THEY DO THIS PLANET IS IN GRAVE DANGER.



WE'RE GOING TO NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET.

WHERE'S KNUX?

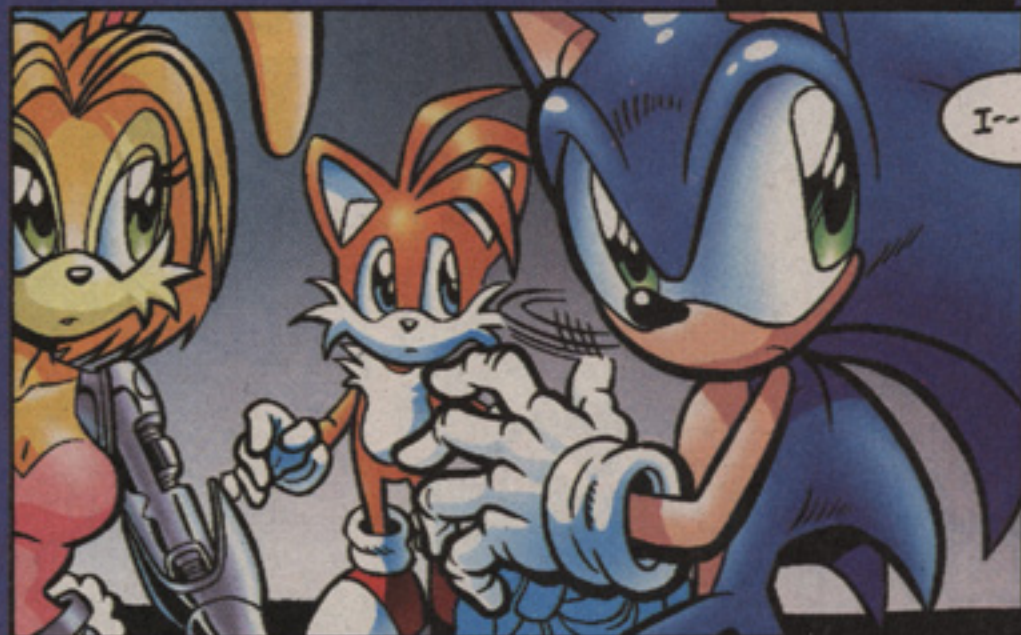
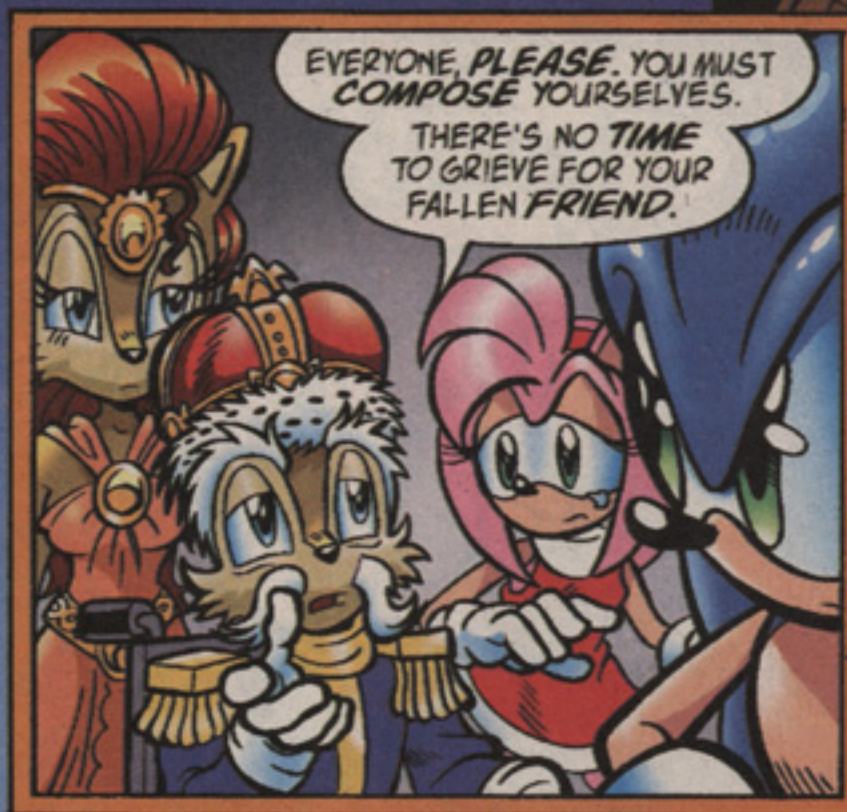


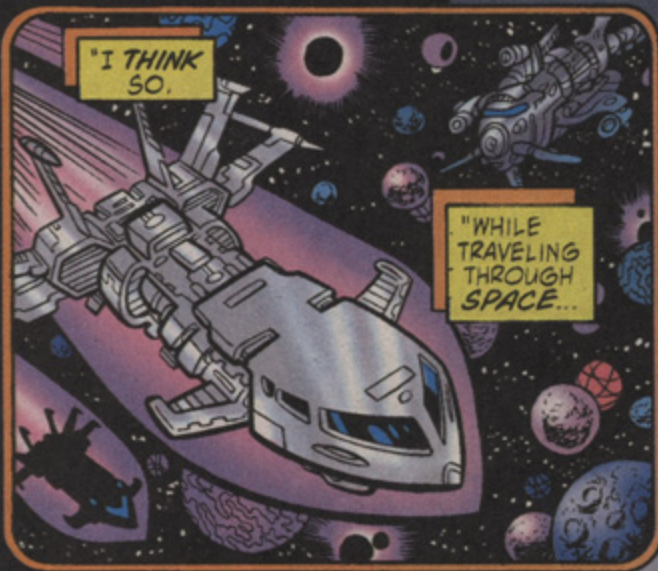
SONIC... KNUCKLES IS DEAD.

NO!!

HOW?!



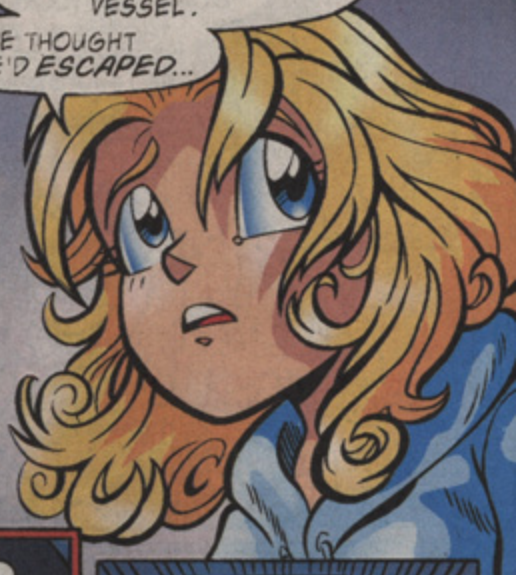




"I THINK SO."

"WHILE TRAVELING THROUGH SPACE..."

...OUR OVERLANDER SHIPS WERE ATTACKED BY THAT SAME ALIEN VESSEL.
WE THOUGHT WE'D ESCAPED...

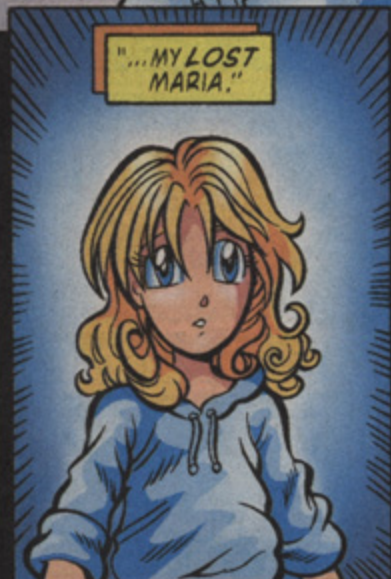


...BUT IT MUST HAVE FOUND US.

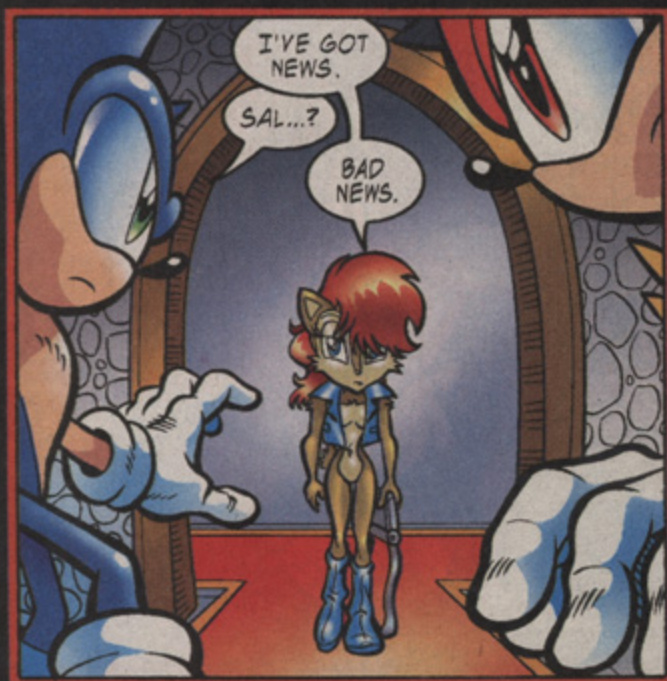
THAT STRANGE BLACK HEDGEHOG-- WHY IS HE STARING AT ME LIKE THAT?



THAT OVERLANDER GIRL-- SHE SOMEHOW REMINDS ME OF--



"...MY LOST MARIA."



I'VE GOT NEWS.

SAL...?

BAD NEWS.



THE XORDA ARE RIGHT. MOBIUS AND EARTH...

...ARE REALLY THE SAME PLANET!

NEXT:
SONIC 2.5: ΩMEGA!
ADVENTURE

HAS DIED AND NOW STANDS
BEFORE AURORA, AWAITING
HIS FINAL FATE...

I ALREADY
LIVED MY LIFE
ONCE, AURORA...

--SO WHAT'S
WITH THE
RERLIN?

DOES IT END
DIFFERENTLY
THE SECOND TIME
AROUND?

AFTERLIFE

Part Four

ONLY YOU
CAN DETERMINE
THAT,
KNUCKLES!

WHY DO
YOU THINK YOU'RE
HERE IN THE FIRST
PLACE?

I DID WHAT I
HAD TO!

I COULDN'T
LET DIMITRI
DIE!

COULD
I?

IN WHICH THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
COMMEMORATE THE DEARLY DEPARTED--
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--IN RECALLING THE LIFE AND TIMES OF
SEGA'S EMBATTLED ECHIDNA!

YOU ARE WHAT
YOU ARE--

--THE *SLIM*
TOTAL OF GENETICS,
TEACHINGS AND LIFE
EXPERIENCES!

WHEN YOUR BODY
BEGAN ITS SEASON
OF *BIOLOGICAL*
CHANGES--

"--ONLY THEN DID YOU BECOME
AWARE OF HOW *SPECIAL*
YOU TRULY ARE!

"WHEN DIMITRI LEARNED YOU
POSSESSED THE *POWER CHAOS*
DID HE SEE A MEANS TO *REGAIN*
THAT WHICH HE HAD *LOST*--

IF
KNUCKLES
DOES
INDEED
POSSESS
THE
POWER--

--I COULD BE *RESTORED*
TO MY FORMER SELF!

WHOA!

"-- ALL HE SUCCEEDED IN
ACCOMPLISHING WAS
ACCELERATING YOUR NATURAL
CHEMICAL PROCESSES...

"EACH TIME *DANGER* THREATENED, YOUR
INSTINCTS REACTED ACCORDINGLY..."

"UNTIL FINALLY, YOU WERE PUSHED FAR ENOUGH TO REACH **CRITICAL MASS**, COMPLETING THE PROCESS."

FEELS WEIRD--

--LIKE I'M BURNING UP!

SO WHAT WENT WRONG?

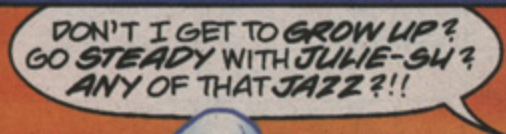
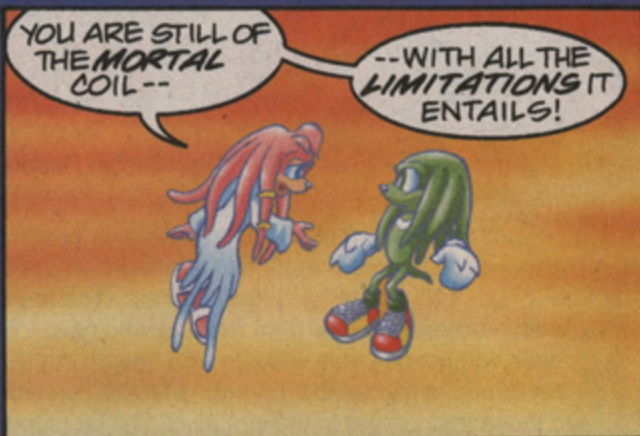
JUST AS ECHIDNAOPOLIS WASN'T BUILT IN A DAY--

--SO, TOO, DID YOU NEED TIME TO BECOME **ACCUSTOMED** TO YOUR ABILITIES!

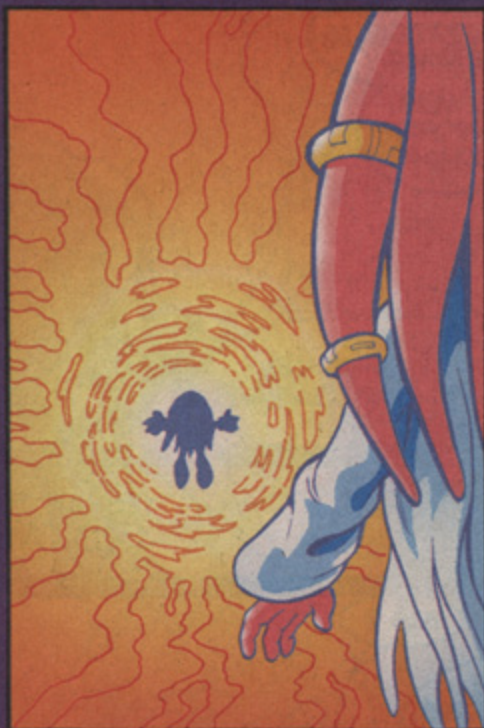
POWER TO RIVAL THE **ANCIENT WALKERS** IS NOT SOMETHING **EASILY** MASTERED!

IF I WAS--AM--WHATEVER--**THAT** POWERFUL--

--THEN HOW COME I **DIED**?







"ONE LIFE IS ALL ANYONE HAS!"

HAH!
YOU ONLY
LIVE TWICE,
AURORA--

--YOU
KNOW
THAT!



NOT
EVERYONE
IS WORTHY
OF A
SECOND
CHANCE,
ATHAIR!



OF WHICH
YOU'RE WELL
AWARE!



YOU KNEW HE
WAS WORTHY FROM
THE START--

--SO WHY THE
CHARADE?



CHARADE,
ATHAIR?

YOU WERE A LOST SOUL
UNTIL THE WALKERS
PROVIDED GUIDANCE!

THAT IS ALL
I DID FOR HIM.



NOW
KNUCKLES
FINALLY KNOWS
HIS PATH!



WHAT NEXT?



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THIS JUST IN!

Hey Sonic fans, How's that for a cliff-hanger!?!

Did you enjoy the return of Shadow The Hedgehog? Or how about the confirmation of the planet Mobius' origin... that it was once called "Earth?" Now we, the readers, may have suspected, or known all along that it was Earth thousands of years in the future, but the characters didn't... at least not until this very issue. So where does that leave us for next issue? The answer: We will hit the ground running as Sonic, Sally, the

Kingdom of Acorn and just about every other inhabitant of the planet Mobius band together to face the threat of the Xorda, including Dr. Robotnik himself. SONIC ADVENTURE 2.5-OMEGA will conclude the "Invasion" storyline and take Sonic to a whole new place. Written by Sonic regular, Karl Bollers... joined by artists Dave Manak, Andrew Pepoy, Art Mawhinney, Pam Eklund, Nelson Ribeiro, Ron Lim, Jim Amash, Dawn Best, Josh and Aimee Ray, Steven Butler, J. Axer and Conor Tomas. Brilliant colors by Jensen! Cover by Patrick SPAZinate and Nelson Ribeiro, with colors by Spaz himself. All this, with a letter by Yuji Naka, makes SONIC #125 one must-have issue. Can't wait!

See you in four weeks for the Sonic Comic's 10th Anniversary Issue Extravaganza, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #125!

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